



TRANSPORTATION PAY RIDER PROGRAM

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What is the pay rider program?

St. Lucie Public Schools offers parents additional transportation services. School Districts are only required to provide and funded for home to school transportation for students that live more than 2 miles from school. The pay rider program is designed so that the School District may provide extra services, as space is available, for parents and students needing transportation in addition to the required home to school transportation. This allows parents and our aftercare partners to meet their transportation needs that are not covered by transportation funding.

Historically services that were not required were denied. The Pay Rider Program allows the School District to provide services for a reasonable cost and prevents impacts on classroom funds. This provides more options for parents needing transportation services.

Examples of extra services that may be provided include:

1. Service to partner childcare centers.
2. Allowing a student who does not qualify for transportation (lives within 2 miles of their assigned school) to use an existing bus stop.
3. Allowing a student to ride a second bus to an existing residential stop in addition to the regular home stop.



The District's primary transportation mission is to provide home to school transportation. At the start of school those services are the first priority and pay riders will be approved only after new students are routed and verification that a seat is available.

Applications for busing service for childcare centers are to be submitted through the childcare centers.

Individual applications for services are on the website.

Applications will be reviewed for available seats and if capacity is available the parent will be notified/invoiced. Upon payment service will commence.

Transportation cost per semester are \$100 per seat (student).

All payments must be made prior to service for the semester.

Partner childcare centers will arrange and be billed directly for transportation to their centers on a per student basis.

Fees will be reviewed annually to assure costs are covered and parents are not overcharged. The SLPS Transportation Department does not prorate any fees.

